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1. SUMMARY: TURKISH PRESS MAY 26 CONTINUES TO GIVE MAJOR  
ATTENTION TO CURRENT ECEVIT TRIP TO BELGIUM AND US. MILLIYET  
REPORTS ECEVIT WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ON MAY 31  
AND WITH SECSTATE VANCE AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI  
ON JUNE 5. BOTH HURRIYET AND CUMHURIYET HAVE ITEMS ON  
JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE, WITH HURRIYET SAYING PURPOSE OF  
AMBASSADOR SPIERS' MEETING WITH ECEVIT IN BRUSSELS WAS TO

CONVEY APOLOGIES. MILLIYET ALSO CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, EMPHASIZING KYPRIANOU'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH ECEVIT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A MILLIYET STORY FROM BRUSSELS, MEHMET ALI BIRAND WRITES THAT AMERICAN SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED PRIVATELY THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE MORNING OF MAY 31 FOR A "TURKISH/US SUMMIT" AT THE NATO SUMMIT. BIRAND ADDS THAT ECEVIT WILL MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON JUNE 5.

3. THE BIRAND ARTICLE ALSO ASSERTS THAT THE US HAS GIVEN ECEVIT "DEFINITE ASSURANCES" IT WILL INITIATE INTENSIVE EFFORTS AROUND THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. IN REGARD TO SUMMIT-RELATED ACTIVITIES, BIRAND REPORTS THE ANTICIPATED ECEVIT/KARAMANLIS MEETING DURING THE SUMMIT IS STILL NOT SCHEDULED BECAUSE NEITHER THE TURKS NOR THE GREEKS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT. ACCORDING TO BIRAND, THE US IS BEHIND THE IDEA FOR THIS MEETING AND IS WORKING HARD TO BRING IT ABOUT.

4. IN A FRONT-PAGE STORY, MASS APPEAL HURRIYET REPORTS MAY 26 THE PURPOSE OF AMBASSADOR'S SPIERS' UNEXPECTED CALL ON ECEVIT IN BRUSSELS WAS TO CONVEY HIS APOLOGIES FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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"DIPLOMATIC SCANDAL" WHICH HAS ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICATION OF A RECENT JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON POST. THE 'MESSAGE' SENT TO ECEVIT BY SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE AND CARRIED BY THE AMBASSADOR, ACCORDING TO HURRIYET, EXPRESSED "THE EMBARRASSMENT FELT OVER THE INCIDENT" AND ASSURED ECEVIT THAT "SUCH A REPORT DOES NOT EXIST."

5. ONLY OTHER REPORTING ON ANDERSON ARTICLE NOTED IN MAY 26 PRESSIS EDITORIAL BY UGUR UMUCU IN LEFTIST, GENERALLY ANTI-US CUMHURİYET. MUMCU SAYS THE ANDERSON ARTICLE REVEALED THAT AMBASSADOR SPIERS LABELED ECEVIT AN "UNWISE NATIONALIST" IN A CABLE SENT TO WASHINGTON. HE CLAIMS THE TERM "NATIONALIST" IS CORRECT, BUT "IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHO IS WISE AND WHO IS UNWISE." ACCORDING TO MUMCU, "NATO WAS FORMED TO PROTECT AGAINST A POSSIBLE SOVIET ATTACK FROM THE NORTH. IF THE GENERALS AT NATO AND IN THE PENTAGON REALLY BELIEVED SOVIET AGGRESSION WAS A STRONG POSSIBILITY, WOULD THEY HAVE LEFT TURKEY DEPRIVED OF ARMS?" HE ASKS AND ANSWERS, "OF COURSE NOT." THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, DARE TO USE THE AMERICAN BASES IN TURKEY TO ATTACK THE SOVIET UNION, HE ASSERTS AND ADDS THAT TURKEY AS A RESULT WOULD BE "DESTROYED, BURNED, AND ANNIHILATED WITHOUT THE PENTAGON

GENERALS ATTACHING ANY IMPORTANCE TO IT." CONCLUDING HIS DIATRIBE, MUMCU CALLS FOR A STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COLD WAR LIES CONCOCTED TO DECEIVE TURKEY AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT IDENTITY.

6. ALSO IN MILLIYET MAY 26 IS AN ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK WRITTEN BY SENIOR EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI WHICH GIVES DETAILS OF AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU. ACCORDING TO IPEKCI, DURING THEIR CONVERSATION KYPRIANOU STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO A MEETING WITH ECEVIT. KYPRIANOU REPORTEDLY SAID ECEVIT IS A STATESMAN WHO CAN SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND ADDED THAT A KYPRIANOU/ECEVIT MEETING IS THE KEY TO A SOLUTION. KYPRIANOU DEFENDED THE NEED FOR A MEETING BY SAYING UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE DECISION MAKERS IN THE CYPUS DISPUTE ARE HE, NOT KARAMANLIS, FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND ECEVIT, NOT DENKTASH, FOR TURKEY. ASKED ABOUT THE GREEK CYPRIOT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EMBARGO, KYPRIANOU REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON THE DANGERS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IF THE EMBARGO IS NOT LIFTED. SPIERS

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